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Applicant :	Vanhaelemeersch et al.	) Group Art Unit <u>Unknown</u>
Intl. Appl. No. :	PCT/BE98/00159	)
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For :	ANISOTROPIC ETCHING OF ORGANIC-CONTAINING INSULATING LAYERS	)
Examiner :	<u>Unknown</u>	)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned U.S. national phase application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1 of the specification, after the Title of the Invention on line 1 and before "FIELD OF THE INVENTION" on line 3, please insert: --This is the U.S. national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application PCT/BE98/00159, filed October 22, 1998.--

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please add the substitute abstract, attached herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. [ (Amended) ] A method as recited in claim 2, wherein said organic-containing insulating layer is selected from [a] the group [comprising] consisting of the benzocyclobutarenes, poly arylene ether, aromatic hydrocarbons and polyamides.